

Posoh My Fellow Menominees:

We are planning on doing a ribbon cutting ceremony when the Fairgrounds Bridge is complete. I walk over and check their progress every day and they are in the process of landscaping and paving.

We hosted some of our state representatives for a tour and lunch a week ago and we had a very enjoyable time and much good information was exchanged. We had lunch at the logging museum and the staff over there joined us. A picture of the event is included in this Tribal News. It is important for the tribal members to remember who our good friends are in the State Legislature and to keep supporting them with our votes.

We lost in the State Assembly on AB 205 which would give power to the state legislature to take land into trust for gaming purposes. The Potawatomi tried to scare Milwaukee area legislators into thinking that a Kenosha casino would take jobs away from Milwaukee, which is ridiculous. Even with the scare tactics the Milwaukee Democrats were evenly split on the issue. Democrats outside of Milwaukee were almost unanimous in their opposition to the bill.

I enjoyed viewing the release of the sturgeon for the sturgeon feast. Many school children attended the event as did media from the surrounding area. The sturgeon feast was held at the high school and it was a beautiful day for a pow-wow.

We will have a busy legislative schedule this week as we are meeting council to council with Mohicans at Pine Hills. We will be discussing mutual concerns particularly in the area of economic development.

The Veterans will be having their annual pow-wow the weekend of May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Bowl. I always make an effort to support this fine group as they do so much for our community. Every month they join the high school students to start the month off in a good way. They are present at every veteran's funeral and they provide services to every major event on this reservation. Please continue your support of this group.

The school year is winding down for all our Reservation schools. Both the public school and the tribal school will be offering summer school programs. These are good, worthwhile activities for the children as it keeps their skill level sharp over the summer.

I attended the high school's annual Lacrosse game and, of course, the Menominee young men won and there were no major injuries to speak of this year. Lots of bumps and bruises, however. It was a beautiful sight to see all the colorful bolts of cloth waving in the wind. Not a bad way to spend a spring afternoon.

Graduation season is starting at the end of the month. The new undersecretary of the Interior Department, Carl Artman, will give the commencement address at the college this year. I am delighted that CMN was able to get him as he will be very helpful with our Kenosha project.